

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: West Virginia Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

West Virginia Resource Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

71999

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/21/2016

6. Expected Renewal Date

06/21/2018

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Applicable

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

The SRS and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in PL 110-343 and PL 112-141.

13. Effective Date

10/03/2008

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$500.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$20,500.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.20

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of a Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act Resource Advisory Committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service consistent with Division C, Title VI of Public Law 110-343. The Act describes the duties of the committee as follows: to review projects proposed by counties and other interested parties; to recommend projects and funding; to provide early and continuous coordination with Forest Service officials; to provide frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, beginning in the early stages of project development; to monitor projects approved under the Act; to advise the designated federal official on the progress of monitoring; and to make recommendations for any appropriate changes or adjustments to projects being monitored.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee is comprised of 15 members, five in each of three categories prescribed in the Act. Within each category, the Act identifies specific interests members are to represent. Committees are formed in geographic areas to ensure each national forest located within a participating county or counties has access to a resource advisory committee. The Act requires members to be residents of the state or states within which the committee has jurisdiction.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The RAC will meet 1-5 times annually or as needed to perform its duties.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The RAC is necessary to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

The West Virginia Resource Advisory Committee did not meet during Fiscal Year 2018.

Designated Federal Officer

Clyde N. Thompson Forest Supervisor, Monongahela National Forest

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Baxter, Phyllis	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Executive Director – Appalachian Forest Heritage Area, Inc.	Representative Member
Carpenter, Anna	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	County Commissioner – Webster County West Virginia	Representative Member
Glasscock, Sharon	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Owner - Laurel Creek Hardwoods, Inc.	Representative Member
Griffith, Reta	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	General Manager, Frontier Communications	Representative Member
Little, Beth	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Member – West Virginia Highlands Conservancy	Representative Member
McCurdy, Patrick "Cully"	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Wildlife Biologist - National Wild Turkey Federation	Representative Member
Morris, Betsy	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Director - Camp Caesar	Representative Member
Nestor, Eleanor	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Retired Finance Officer – Tucker County Board of Education	Representative Member
Pastine, Jerry	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Retired. Area Superintendent - Columbia Gas Transmission	Representative Member
Proudfoot, David	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Owner/Operator - Proudfoot Mountain Farm	Representative Member
Shafer, Robert	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Mayor – City of Summersville	Representative Member
Sherman, Roger	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Principal - Roger Sherman, LLC	Representative Member
Thompson, Victor "Vic"	08/16/2017	08/16/2021	Member - National Izaak Walton League of America	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

Narrative Description

By recommending projects that maintain and improve the health of national forest ecosystems and improve cooperative relationships among the people who use and care for the national forests, the Secure Rural Schools resource advisory committees support the Forest Service mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The committees specifically support Forest Service strategic goals to 1. Restore, sustain, and enhance the national forests; and 2. provide and sustain benefits to the American people.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety



Trust in government



Major policy changes



Advance in scientific research



Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

96

Number of Recommendations Comments

No recommendations in FY18. Number of recommendations prior to FY 2017 = 50 (41 Recommended funding + 9 Not Recommended for funding = 50) Number of recommendations made in FY 2017 = 46 (36 Recommended funding + 10 Not recommended for funding = 46) Total number of recommendations for the life of the committee = 96 (77 Recommended funding + 19 Not recommended for funding = 96)

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

62%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Number of recommendations prior to FY 2017 fully implemented: 41 of 41 recommended projects fully implemented and 9 projects not recommended for funding = 50 recommendations fully implemented. Number of recommendations made in FY 2017 fully implemented: 0 of 36 recommended projects fully implemented and 10 projects not recommended for funding = 10 recommendations fully implemented. Total percentage of recommendations for the life of the committee that have been fully implemented: 60 of 96 recommendations or 63%.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

36%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Number of recommendations prior to FY 2017 partially implemented: all recommendations projects fully implemented. Number of recommendations made in FY 2017 partially implemented: 36 of 36 projects. Total percentage of recommendations for the life of the committee that have been partially implemented: 36 of 96 recommendations or 37%.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Forest Service (FS) Designated Federal Official regularly reports to the committee on whether recommended project proposals are or are not approved by the FS. The DFO also reports on actions taken to implement approved projects. this may take the form of verbal reports and presentations at committee meetings, committee field trips and monitoring activities.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Not Applicable

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval 0

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 0

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval \$0

Grant Review Comments**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO ☒

Online Agency Web Site ☒

Online Committee Web Site ☒

Online GSA FACA Web Site ☒

Publications ☒

Other ☐

Access Comments

Not applicable.